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**CATTLE INVENTORY
JULY 1, 2010**

All cattle and calves in the **United States** as of July 1, 2010, totaled 100.8 million head, 1 percent below the 102.0 million on July 1, 2009. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 40.8 million, were down 1 percent from July 1, 2009. Beef cows, at 31.7 million, were down 2 percent from July 1, 2009. Milk cows, at 9.1 million, were down 1 percent from July 1, 2009.

**Cattle and Calves
United States, July 1, 2009-2010**

Class	2009	2010
	1,000 Head	
All Cattle and Calves.....	102,000	100,800
All Cows	41,400	40,800
Beef Cows	32,200	31,700
Milk Cows.....	9,200	9,100
Heifers 500 lbs. and Over.....	16,200	16,100
Beef Cow Replacement	4,500	4,400
Milk Cow Replacement.....	3,950	4,050
Other Heifers.....	7,750	7,650
Steers 500 lbs. and Over.....	14,400	14,300
Bulls 500 lbs. and Over.....	2,100	2,100
Calves Under 500 lbs	27,900	27,500
Calf Crop ^{1/}	35,819	35,400

^{1/} For the current year, the calf crop is the number of calves born before July 1 plus the number expected to be born on and after July 1.

Other class estimates on July 1, 2010 and the changes from July 1, 2009, are as follows:

- All heifers 500 pounds and over, 16.1 million, down 1 percent.
- Beef replacement heifers, 4.4 million, down 2 percent.
- Milk replacement heifers, 4.1 million, up 3 percent.
- Other heifers, 7.7 million, down 1 percent.
- Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 14.3 million, down

1 percent.

- Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.1 million, unchanged.
- Calves under 500 pounds, 27.5 million, down 1 percent.
- All cattle and calves on feed for slaughter, 12.0 million, up 3 percent.

The 2010 calf crop is expected to be 35.4 million, down 1 percent from 2009. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 25.7 million, down 1 percent from 2009.

**CATTLE ON FEED
JULY 1, 2010**

The number of cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in **Colorado** feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or larger was estimated at 920,000 head as of July 1, 2010. The latest inventory was down 5 percent from June 1, 2010, but up 1 percent from the 910,000 on feed on July 1, 2009. The inventory included 635,000 steers and steer calves, up 3 percent from the previous year. The number of heifers and heifer calves, at 280,000 head, was down 3 percent from the previous year. The number of cows and bulls totaled 5,000, and remained unchanged from last year. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 170,000 head of fed cattle during June 2010. This was up 26 percent from May 2010 marketings of 135,000 head but 11 percent below a year ago. An estimated 125,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during June, 32 percent below May 2010 placements but even with last year's placements for the same time period. Of the number placed in June, 16 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 16 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 24 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, and 44 percent weighed 800 pounds or greater. Other disappearance during June 2010, at 5,000 head, was 15,000 head less than last month but the same as last year.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the **United States** for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.1 million head on July 1, 2010. The inventory was 3 percent above July 1, 2009. The inventory included 6.25 million steers and steer calves, up 4 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 62 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.77 million head, up 1 percent from 2009. Placements in feedlots during June totaled 1.63 million, 17 percent above 2009. Net placements were 1.57 million head. During June, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 440,000, 600-699 pounds were 300,000, 700-799 pounds were 408,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 480,000. Marketings of fed cattle during June totaled 2.00 million,

slightly above 2009. Other disappearance totaled 55,000 during June, 4 percent below 2009.

**Cattle on Feed, Colorado and United States
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, June 1 to July 1, 2009-2010**

Item	Colorado		United States	
	2009	2010	2009	2010
	1,000 head			
On Feed June 1	980	970	10,407	10,494
Placements During June	125	125	1,391	1,628
< 600 pounds	15	20	315	440
600 - 699 Pounds	20	20	290	300
700 - 799 Pounds	35	30	371	408
800 Plus Pounds	55	55	415	480
Marketing's During June	190	170	1,989	1,997
Other Disap. During June	5	5	57	55
On Feed July 1	910	920	9,752	10,070
Steers & Steer Calves	615	635	5,992	6,254
Heifers & Heifer Calves	290	280	3,719	3,766
Cows & Bulls	5	5	41	50

**LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER
JUNE 2010**

Red meat production in **Colorado** during June 2010 totaled 189.6 million pounds, 8 percent above the 175.4 million pounds produced during June 2009. Cattle kill was up 11 percent from the previous year to 233,700 head and the average live weight decreased 20 pounds to 1,255 pounds per head. Hog slaughter decreased 63 percent from the previous year, to 500 head, and the average live weight was down 24 pounds to 250. Accumulated production for the first six months of this year now totals 1,057.1 million pounds, 4 percent above the 1,012.1 billion pounds produced during the comparable period last year.

Commercial red meat production for the **United States** totaled 4.18 billion pounds in June, up slightly from the 4.16 billion pounds produced in June 2009. Beef production, at 2.32 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.05 million head, up 2 percent from June 2009. The average live weight was down 8 pounds from the previous year, at 1,261 pounds. Veal production totaled 10.8 million pounds, 6 percent below June a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 68,600 head, down 11 percent from June 2009. The average live weight was up 18 pounds from last year, at 269 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.83 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.04 million head, down 1 percent from June 2009. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from the previous year, at 271 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 14.1 million pounds, was up 2 percent from June 2009. Sheep slaughter totaled 212,000 head, 5 percent above last year. The average live weight was 134 pounds, down 3 pounds from June a year ago.

January to June 2010 commercial red meat production was 23.9 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2009. Accumulated beef production was down slightly from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was down 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 2 percent.

Red Meat Production - Colorado and United States

Area and Species	June	May	June	January-June	
	2009	2010	2010	2009	2010
	Million Pounds				
Colorado	175.4	160.2	189.6	1012.1	1057.1
United States	4162.1	3731.7	4177.0	24,305.7	23,857.2
Beef.....	2289.0	2087.9	2320.7	12849.8	12799.6
Veal.....	11.5	10.1	10.8	68.2	66.4
Pork.....	1847.7	1621.1	1831.5	11303.6	1090.7
Lamb & Mutton ...	13.8	12.6	14.1	84.2	82.4

**SHEEP INVENTORY
JULY 1, 2010**

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on July 1, 2010 totaled 6.90 million head, down 2 percent from July 1, 2009. Breeding sheep inventory at 4.16 million head on July 1, 2010 was down 3 percent from July 1, 2009. Market sheep and lambs (including newborn lambs), at 2.74 million head, were down 1 percent from last July. The breeding herd consists of 3.37 million ewes one year old and older, 175,000 rams one year old and older, and 620,000 replacement lambs (including newborn lambs). Market lamb inventory at 2.65 million head was comprised of 1.58 million lambs under 65 pounds, 550,000 lambs 65-84 pounds, 285,000 lambs 85-105 pounds, and 235,000 lambs over 105 pounds. Market sheep inventory was 90,000 head.

The 2010 lamb crop in the United States is expected to total 3.60 million head, down 2 percent from the 2009 lamb crop of 3.69 million head. Lambs born during January through June 2010 totaled 3.15 million head or 88 percent of the yearly total. An additional 450,000 head are expected to be born during the period July through December 2010. The 2010 expected lambing rate of 108 lambs per 100 ewes is unchanged from last year.

**AGRICULTURAL PRICES
JULY 31, 2010**

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in July, at 143 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 5 points (3.6 percent) from June. The Crop Index is up 6 points (4.1 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 2 points (1.6 percent). Producers received higher prices for wheat, corn, lettuce, and milk and lower prices for onions, strawberries, grapes, and cantaloups. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of wheat, grapes, hay, and corn offset decreased marketings of milk, cantaloups, potatoes, and apples.

The July Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 182 percent of the 1990-1992 average. The index is unchanged from June but 4 points (2.2 percent) above July 2009. Lower prices in July for diesel, feeder pigs, nitrogen, and LP gas offset higher prices for feeder cattle, other services, concentrates, and feed grains.

Prices Received and Paid Summary United States

Index 1990-92 = 100	2009		2010	
	June	July	June	July
	Percent			
Prices Received	133	130	138	143
Prices Paid	180	178	182	182
Ratio ^{1/}	74	73	76	79

^{1/} Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid.

The July beef cattle price of \$90.60 per hundredweight is up 30 cents from last month but \$9.70 higher than July 2009. The July all milk price of \$16.00 per hundredweight is up 50 cents from last month and \$4.70 from July 2009. The July all wheat price, at \$4.74 per bushel, is up 57 cents from June but 43 cents below July 2009. The all hay price, at \$112 per ton, is down \$2.00 from June and \$4.00 from last July. Sorghum grain, at \$5.90 per hundredweight, is 53 cents above June and up 71 cents from July last year. The soybean price, at \$9.79 per bushel, increased 34 cents from June but is \$1.01 below July 2009. The all potato price, at \$8.88 per hundredweight, is up 63 cents from June but down 93 cents from last July. The all dry bean price, at \$27.60 per hundredweight, is up \$1.80 from the previous month but \$4.90 below July 2009.

Compared with July 2009, all **Colorado** crop prices averaged lower except for potatoes, while all livestock prices were higher. Mid-July 2010 wheat, at \$4.31 per bushel, increased 54 cents from the previous month but was 56 cents below July 2009. Corn prices increased 5 cents from June to \$3.58 per bushel but averaged 16 cents below July 2009. The mid-July potato price increased \$3.10 from last month to \$8.50 per hundredweight, and was \$1.00 per hundredweight above July 2009. The dry bean average price, at \$28.50 per hundredweight, decreased \$1.40 from last month and was \$10.00 per hundredweight lower than July 2009. Alfalfa hay averaged \$125.00 per ton, remained unchanged from last month but decreased \$15.00 from July 2009. Other hay, at \$120.00 per ton, remained unchanged from last month but was \$15.00 lower than July 2009.

The mid-July steer and heifer price increased \$1.00 from last month to \$101.00 per hundredweight and was \$11.00 above the \$90.00 per hundredweight a year ago. Cow prices were up \$2.00 from last month to \$64.00 per hundredweight and were \$14.00 per hundredweight higher than July 2009.

Calf prices, at \$126.00 per hundredweight, remained unchanged from last month and are \$13.00 higher than the \$113.00 per hundredweight received a year ago. Milk sold to

plants, at \$16.00 per hundredweight, was 40 cents above last month and was \$4.50 above July 2009.

Average Prices Received By Farmers ^{1/}

Item	Unit	Colorado		
		July 2009	June 2010	July 2010
Crops				
Dollars				
Wheat	Bu.	4.87	3.77	4.31
Corn	Bu.	3.74	3.53	3.58
Barley (All)	Bu.	2/	2/	2/
Potatoes	Cwt	7.50	5.40	8.50
Dry edible beans.....	Cwt	38.50	29.90	28.50
Alfalfa hay (baled)	Ton	140.00	125.00	125.00
Other hay (baled)	Ton	140.00	120.00	120.00
Livestock & Products				
Beef Cattle.....	Cwt	89.20	99.20	100.00
Steers & heifers	Cwt	90.00	100.00	101.00
Cows	Cwt	50.00	62.00	64.00
Calves.....	Cwt	113.00	126.00	126.00
Sheep	Cwt	31.00	51.00	3/
Lambs.....	Cwt	103.00	120.00	3/
Milk sold to plants	Cwt	11.50	15.60	16.00
United States				
Dollars				
Wheat	Bu.	5.17	4.17	4.74
Corn	Bu.	3.60	3.41	3.55
Soybeans	Bu.	10.80	9.45	9.79
Barley (All)	Bu.	5.09	3.74	3.60
Barley (Feed).....	Bu.	2.94	2.07	2.48
Sorghum.....	Cwt	5.19	5.37	5.90
Potatoes.....	Cwt	9.81	8.25	8.88
Dry edible beans.....	Cwt	32.50	25.80	27.60
Alfalfa hay (baled)	Ton	120.00	119.00	117.00
Other hay (baled)	Ton	104.00	99.10	97.30
Onions.....	Cwt	10.80	29.20	24.20
Livestock & Products				
Beef Cattle.....	Cwt	80.90	90.30	90.60
Steers & heifers	Cwt	85.30	94.80	95.10
Cows	Cwt	47.30	57.80	58.40
Calves.....	Cwt	108.00	121.00	119.00
Sheep	Cwt	29.60	43.30	3/
Lambs.....	Cwt	102.00	120.00	3/
Hogs	Cwt	43.30	58.30	57.80
Milk sold to plants	Cwt	11.30	15.50	16.00
Broilers.....	Lb.	0.49	0.51	0.51

^{1/} Prices received by farmers refer to prices at the point of first sale out of farmer's hands and should not be confused with prices of specific grades or classes of a particular agricultural commodity. They do not include direct government payments.

^{2/} Insufficient sales to establish a price. ^{3/} Not Published.

CHICKENS AND EGG PRODUCTION

JUNE 2010

Laying flocks in **Colorado** produced 85 million eggs during June 2010, down 4 percent from 89 million eggs produced June 2009. The number of layers averaged 3.58 million during June of this year, down 1 percent from the 3.60 million produced last year. The June 2010 egg production per 100 layers was 2,378 down 4 percent from 2,472 eggs per 100 layers in June 2009.

United States egg production totaled 7.45 billion during June 2010, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.38 billion table eggs, and 1.07 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.00 billion were broiler-type and 69 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during June 2010 averaged 338 million, up 1 percent from last year. June egg production per 100 layers was 2,203 eggs, unchanged from June 2009.

All layers in the U.S. on July 1, 2010 totaled 339 million, up 2 percent from last year. The 339 million layers consisted of 281 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 55.6 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.91 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on July 1, 2010, averaged 73.2 eggs per 100 layers, down 1 percent from July 1, 2009.

COLD STORAGE JUNE 30, 2010

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on June 30, 2010 were greater than year earlier levels for eggs, cheese and chicken. Butter stocks were down 7 percent from last month and down 25 percent from a year ago.

Total red meat supplies in freezers were down 3 percent from the previous month and down 22 percent from last year. Frozen pork supplies were down 8 percent from the previous month and down 29 percent from last year. Stocks of pork bellies were down 20 percent from last month and down 54 percent from last year.

Total frozen poultry supplies on June 30, 2010 were up 2 percent from the previous month but down 6 percent from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were down 3 percent from the previous month but up 2 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were up 9 percent from last month but down 15 percent from June 30, 2009.

Stocks in Storage, United States

Commodity	June 30, 2009	May 31, 2010	June 30, 2010
	1,000 Pounds		
Butter	262,854	212,488	197,892
Cheese, total natural.....	987,399	1,016,200	1,026,602
Eggs, frozen	21,655	22,419	25,097
Poultry, total frozen	1,253,757	1,159,047	1,177,209
Chicken.....	653,886	692,744	669,041
Turkey.....	594,742	461,805	504,025
Fruits, frozen.....	973,150	902,685	918,157
Fruit Juices, frozen.....	1,855,547	1,788,284	1,664,336
Vegetables, total frozen.	1,563,955	1,621,636	1,668,584
Potatoes, total frozen.....	1,245,127	1,077,348	1,157,058
Meats, total red	1,043,079	837,785	814,026
Beef, total frozen.....	434,804	362,783	375,308
Pork, total frozen.....	577,914	446,049	410,051

Data for this report are collected from public and private refrigerated warehouses storing commodities for 30 days or more. Food stocks are excluded for places where entire inventories are turned over more than once a month.

UPCOMING REPORTS

Colorado and U.S. data from most of the following reports will appear in subsequent issues of AG UPDATE. However, those who have an immediate need for the data may call this office after 1:15 P.M. on the day of release - toll free 1-800-392-3202. The complete USDA report is also available on the Worldwide Web at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov>

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